

Fractured Cosmos

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The **Fractured Cosmos** Cosmology is an explanation for the [World of Darkness](#) provided by [Malcolm Sheppard](#) in [MTAs: Ascension \(book\)](#) . As the most all-encompassing cosmology, remaining faithful to the themes of each respective game line, we at the Wiki have accepted this as the [canon](#) default. The concept is similar to the concept of [Grant Morrison](#)^[W]'s [Hypertime](#)^[W] found in the DC Comics Universe.

In this cosmology, there are an innumerable number of realities floating around like bubbles in water. Many of them are "linked," where events are nearly identical in each, although the reasons may differ. [Mortals](#) may wander from one to another without realizing it, and for the most part, it makes no difference to them. The cluster of realities with which we are most concerned each constitute a slightly different World of Darkness.

The [Tellurian](#) inhabited by the [mages](#) of [Mage: The Ascension](#), for example, is a consensual reality, while the WOD inhabited by [werewolves](#) of [Werewolf: The Apocalypse](#) is primarily animistic in nature.

That's not to say that creatures in one don't exist in another, but the details differ. A [vampire](#) in the [Changeling](#) reality is a true "prodigal," likely having descended from an ancient [redcap](#), while a vampire in the [Werewolf](#) reality is truly a servant of the [Wyrm](#), although they may not realize it.

Major events, such as the awakening of [Ravnos](#) in [1999](#), cause large ripples through the linked realities.

Realities further away from the "core" may have increasing differences, such as the alternate settings like the Biscocchian Coprosperity Sphere proposed in the [MTAs: Mage Storytellers Handbook](#) , getting increasingly divorced from "known" reality the further one goes.

It may be possible for a mage or other creature to intentionally travel from one reality to the other. Their counterparts in nearby universes likewise probably did the same thing, thus "displacing" them, although for realities slightly further out it may be possible to co-inhabit a universe with the character's doppelganger.

Universes even further out may be sufficiently different to not have any "doubles."

Perhaps this explains how the [Garou](#) of the [Savage West](#) managed to discover the *Weird West* of [Deadlands](#)^[W] in the *Under a Harrowed Moon* series.

Background Information

- Non-canon information written for MTAs: [Ascension \(book\)](#) ➡📖, but not ultimately used, includes^[1]:
 - [Exalted](#)'s [Creation](#) is linked to the World of Darkness, but is not necessarily its past or its future.
 - "Existence is cyclical," beginning and ending with the [Ascension](#) of everything via [Telos](#). It's unknown if this is intended to represent the entire Cosmos, or just the [Mage Tellurian](#).

References

1. ↑ [Malcolm Sheppard's LiveJournal](#)[↗]



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